

What is claimed is:

1. A graphical user interface for use in a remote patient care system, the graphical user interface comprising:

5 a first region depicting patient images received from a remote patient computer having a video camera; and
a concurrently displayed second region presenting a script guiding a user of the graphical user interface through a remote patient session.

10 2. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the script comprises a script selected for a patient based on the patient's condition.

15 3. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the script comprises a script including conditional logic.

20 4. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the script comprises a script including instructions for presenting graphical user interface controls.

5. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the script comprises a script downloaded from a networked computer.

25 6. The graphical user interface of claim 1 further comprising a third region presenting patient information collected by instrumentation other than the video camera.

30 7. The graphical user interface of claim 6, wherein the information comprises vital sign values.

8. A method of remote patient care, the method comprising:

collecting data reflecting operation of a remote patient care system that delivers one or more images of a patient to a care provider's computer over a network, the remote patient care system handling patients based on parameters;

5 analyzing the collected data; and

adjusting the parameters based on the analyzed collected data.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the collected data
10 reflecting operation of a remote patient care system comprises data describing a patient outcome.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the collected data
15 reflecting operation of a remote patient care system comprises data describing health care costs.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the collected data
20 reflecting operation of a remote patient care system comprises data describing patient satisfaction.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein the collected data
reflecting operation of a remote patient care system comprises data collected from different health care sites.

25 13. The method of claim 8, wherein handling patients comprises determining patient eligibility for remote care.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein handling patients
30 comprises determining a remote care schedule for a patient.

15. The method of claim 8, wherein the parameters comprise thresholds.

16. The method of claim 8, wherein the patients comprise post-operative breast cancer patients.

5 17. The method of claim 8, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

10 18. A computer program product, disposed on a computer readable medium, for remote patient care, the computer program includes instructions for causing a processor to:

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analyze the collected data; and
adjust the parameters based on the analyzed collected data.